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- Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC d113) [Total Sheets **15**]
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i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(2) and 1.33(b).
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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b,
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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
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10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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(Fig. 1 through Fig. 15); and
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☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: 08/755,129

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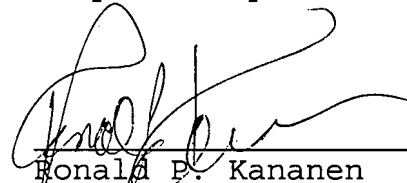
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Sir:

Attached please find a copy of the proposed changes to the drawing(s) in this application, for which the approval of the Examiner is requested. Specifically, Figure 2 has been amended to indicate numerals 1 through 9. A complete set of new formal drawings is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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**REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION/DIVISION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Docket No. SON-1648/CON
File No. 80001-1648
Prior Application: 08/755,129
Prior Examiner A. DO
Prior Group Art Unit 2724



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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application, under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No 08/755,129 filed on November 25, 1996 of Junji HORIKAWA, et al. entitled COMPUTER ANIMATION GENERATOR.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/755,129 including the Declaration and Power of Attorney, as originally filed on November 25, 1996.
2. ☒ An issue fee payment was submitted in the prior application on 07/27/99, a copy of which is enclosed.
- 3a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, PLUS OR MINUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED OR CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW						
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- 3b. ☐ The present application is filed by a small entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f)). A Verified Statement claiming small entity status was filed in the prior application.
- 3c. ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 18-0013 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the entire pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0013. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- 4a. ☒ Charge \$ 2,662.00 to Deposit Account No. 18-0013. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 2 to 19 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No 08/755,129 filed November 25, 1996, Patent No. 5963668.

7a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

7b. ☒ New ☒ formal ☐ informal drawings are enclosed.

8a. ☒ Priority of the following application(s) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed (Mo., Day & Yr.)</u>
Japan	P07-348403	December 18, 1995

8b. ☒ The certified copy of the priority applications have been filed in prior U.S. Application Serial No. 08/755,129, filed November 25, 1996.

9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Sony Corporation

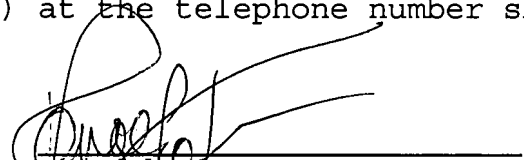
10. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
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Beck, Registration No. 38,072, Richard T. Peterson, Registration
No. 35,320 and Jeffrey L. Thompson, Registration No. 37,025.
- 11a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in prior application
Serial No. 08/755,129.
- 11b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of
the power in prior application Serial No. _____ is
enclosed.
- 11c. ☒ Recognize as Associate Attorneys:
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- 12a. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this
amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning
with the number next following the highest numbered original
claim.)

- 12b. ☐ The applicant(s) presently intend(s) to file additional papers in this case after receiving an official Filing Receipt. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving such papers, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the attorneys for the applicant(s) at the telephone number shown above.

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